

land uses are areas where substandard housing conditions exist, streets are unpaved and blighted conditions are increasing. Residential areas along the eastern section of Old Asphalt Road are blighted and possibly the best remedy for this area is the initiation of a Neighborhood Redevelopment Program. As long as someone lives in a dilapidated dwelling unit and has no other facilities to reside in or either cannot afford to move, these dilapidated units will continue to be occupied, thus sometimes preventing condemnation and demolition.

Residential development should continue to expand in the north and northwest directions as in the past decade. The majority of land in the northwest section of Kinston has been subdivided into lot sizes greater than required by the Kinston Zoning Ordinance which requires 8,000 square feet. Many of the lot sizes there are in the 12,000 square foot category.

Residential land use on West Vernon Avenue has been gradually declining and being replaced with trade uses. Since the completion of four laning Vernon Avenue, heavy traffic on this street makes single-family residential land use undesirable; however, due to the traffic volume load on Vernon Avenue, the State Highway Commission has recommended that trade development be kept to a very minimum amount. Currently from Queen Street west on Vernon Avenue to the Vernon Park Mall, there are approximately seventy points of ingress and egress on Vernon Avenue. This figure includes both sides of Vernon Avenue. If trade development continues to replace the existing residential land use on this section of Vernon Avenue, the purpose of four-laning Vernon Avenue